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SILSBEE MAN INDICTED ON FEDERAL DRUG AND GUN CHARGES

(Beaumont, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 19 year-old Silsbee man has been indicted for possession with the intent to distribute a controlled substance within 1000 feet of a playground and brandishing a firearm in the Eastern District of Texas.

According to information contained in the indictment, on July 10, 2006, **JABARIAN GACOBEL ELAM** possessed with intent to distribute 5 to 50 grams of crack cocaine within 1000 feet of the playground at the Autumn Trace Apartments in Silsbee. The indictment also indicates that Elam possessed and brandished a firearm.

It is important to note that an indictment is merely a charge and should not be considered as evidence of either guilt or innocence. A Grand Jury indictment is not evidence of guilt.

If convicted, Elam faces up to 5 to 40 years imprisonment and a fine up to \$2 million on the drug charges. If convicted of the gun charge, Elam will be imprisoned for an additional 7 years, which must run consecutive to any other term of imprisonment.

This case is being investigated by the Silsbee Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Assistant U.S. Attorney Michelle Englade is prosecuting the case.

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